



CALFED
BAY-DELTA
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Dear Ms. Crosetti:

Thank you for your interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The success of the Program depends upon the involvement and participation of all us who live in California.

The CALFED Program will release a revised draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and supporting documents at the end of this year. These documents will be available for public review and comment by calling CALFED, through public libraries, and the CALFED Web site. The Record of Decision (ROD) and state certification that you refer to will not come until December 1999. Environmental documentation is prepared for a specific project comes after the proposed CALFED solution is approved.

CVPIA agricultural conservation plans are available through the Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, 95828.

Cost-share agreements and user fees would be charged to water utilities for certain kinds of projects. Users would be asked to pay according to the benefit received from a project.

"Operable flow control barriers," "operable fish control barriers," fish passage related screen improvements all refer to improvements made to the existing Delta conveyance system that would allow the export pumps to operate to capacity, while preventing the passage of fish to the pumps.

As you may know, the mission of the CALFED Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. A healthy ecosystem benefits all users of the Bay-Delta system, including farms and cities. CALFED is looking at approximately 26,000 acres of publicly held or soon to be public lands for ecosystem restoration in the first seven years of the Program. Other lands would be obtained through willing seller agreements.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

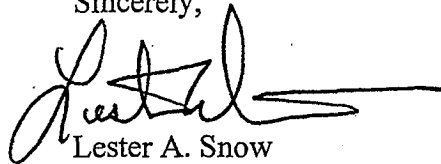
Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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These lands would not be used for urban development. Additional water for the environment would be purchased from willing sellers.

If your question about "management structure" refers to the future of CALFED and the ecosystem restoration program, this structure is under discussion and proposals will be submitted to the public for comment along with the other program documents. I encourage you to review these documents and share your comments with the CALFED Program. Your input and concern is important to finding a successful solution to the problems in the Bay-Delta system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director